

ABSTRACT

5 This improved universal fork is a combination of the particular functions and characteristics of a knife and a fork, and is capable of being used with either a right hand or left hand, and also has benefits for those with disabilities. The balanced handle provides a counter-weight to the head area of the fork, as well as provides a greater surface which is able to fit and press against the palm of a person's hand.

10 The improved universal fork has a head area that has outer tines which have an outer edge curvature that is exaggerated, as compared with other typical forks. The outer curved edge may be dull, have a sharpened blade edge, or it may have a serrated edge. These edges may be in combination on a single edge, or be used alternatively on the opposing outer tines. The curved outer edges provide an increased cutting capability, using a rocking motion.

15 A finger platform, being a defined flattened area immediately adjacent to the head portion of the fork, allows a person to easily press one or more fingers against the side area of the fork, thereby applying pressure directly downward when the fork is positioned to cut an item directly beneath it.